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PRICE THREE CENTS.

Spring Grove Camp Meeting

There has been a good deal said lately in the papers about this grove which has been purchased, and set apart entirely for religious purposes. Yet a short description of this place may not be entirely uninteresting to your readers.

By an act of the legislature a corporation, or company was formed and stock certificates issued. This stock was generally taken by those belonging to the Methodist order, and by them considered good—although the dividends are not calculated upon very largely in this world. In short the value of the stock is not calculated

The value of these stocks are not varied by the rise and fall of gold, but are considered by those who hold them, even better than "fine gold."

The land is beautifully located upon an inclined plane near the Rutland and Burlington Railroad, in New Haven, where a station has been fitted up, and a new de-

pot built, especially for the use of those attending the Camp Meetings, which assemble there from year to year. On the eastern side of these grounds may be found one of the most liberal and cooling springs to be seen in all the country round about. This fountain supplies all the water used by man and beast that ever assemble there.

From that point to the west, the land rises greatly until near the eastern line, where some low ledges rise, just high enough to make the scene picturesque in the extreme. These ledges, or rather ridges are nicely wooded and make one vast green bower of stately trees, screening those that stray

The enclosure contains about twelve acres of ground, surrounded by a good substantial picket fence, and could not well be duplicated in the the state, for camp-meeting purposes. Since the purchase, various

improvements have been made. Nearly in the centre is located the seating. And around the seats are located buildings and tents. Some of them substantial two story dwellings clapboarded, shingled and painted in a neat tasty manner. This, to my mind, is as it should be, so that those who attend the meetings can enjoy and be won-

attend the meetings, can do so, and be comfortable at the same time. We are out upon the doctrine that people may violate the rules of health, and trust to religious zeal and christian enthusiasm to protect them from sickness. However much grace may do for us, we should at the same time have some care for our health, and this cannot

be done in the old-fashioned camp-meeting way of tenting out upon straw, and even that rather thinly laid down. We have thus spoken, not that we are opposed to camp-meetings, but to note the rational change that seems to be taking place all over the country in reference to protection against wet and cold storms that are liable

to come on in the midst of a meeting. No doubt, much good has been done heretofore at campmeetings, and more will be done in future.

It is right and proper that people should set apart one week at least, in the year to go away from the cares and vexations of business, where there is quiet and rest for

business, where there is quiet and rest from that every day strain for the "things of the world." And where can it be done more rationally than in the "tented grove"? Away from telegraphs, newspapers and general noise and confusion of mercantile and mechanical business. Such a retirement if governed with care, must be a source of

But hold, I have lost my descriptive yarn. Let me come back to my description of the grounds.

The "speakers stand" is located on the eastern side of the circle of buildings and tents, and as the ground rises towards the

west, it makes it convenient to see the vast audiences there from time to time to hear the gospel preached. The committee that have charge of the grounds have prepared for rainy weather by making plank walks in various directions so that whether wet or dry you can visit all parts of the grounds.

When all the improvements are fully complete we presume it will be used by some as a kind of summer resort a few weeks previous to the commencement of the meet-

The proprietors have also erected a very convenient and commodious boarding house where those who attend can obtain good board at reasonable rates. Mr. A. Williamson who has conducted the eating department for the last few years, has done it in a quiet and orderly manner, becoming

**Washington Park Races.**

necessary number of entries, are declared off. A new programme will be issued the week. In commenting on the rapidly growing interest in Washington county in the breeding and developing of trotters, *Wilkes' Spirit* of last Saturday says that the neighborhood possesses a few good ones and no inconsiderable amount of superior blood, though quite below the standard

Orange, Duchess and some other counties. A little more of the staying stuff is wanted and will be had, for the farmers and breeders are alive to the subject. We are informed that a movement is now on foot to secure the services of some high-bred stallions, both of trotting and racing lines, selected with direct view to improving the standard of trotting blood in the county.

and of giving the farmers and others an opportunity of breeding their mares next spring to desirable horses at reasonable figures. As trotting has been lately brought directly to their doors, upon a scale that has drawn horses from a distance the fact has been rendered apparent that much of the speed which their home-bred horses derived from such sources as Bishop's Hambletonian, the Morse Horse, Bay

ney's Henry, and others years ago, and more recently from Ethan Allen, Biggart, Butler, Young Columbus, etc., has been rendered inutile by cold crosses of Canadian origin that have prevailed of late and now the cry is, give us blood that can stay and repeat.

Huntington and Bolton, and a number of sheep have been made mutton of by them.